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SG wrestles with financial allocation process

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

Food, live music, and lots of warm bodies crowded the Greenway for Club Day early last month. But most did not realize that one thing was missing from the picnic...frisbees.

Student Government (SG) allocated \$750 at its August 31 meeting to purchase frisbees with the SG logo that members would give away to students. However, according to SG records, the frisbees were never purchased.

Representatives acknowledged that one week did not afford the company enough time to create and ship the frisbees to arrive for Club Day at the regular price. In order to meet the deadline, the company required the price of the frisbees to double to guarantee arrival by the September 8 event. SG representatives did not feel at the time that it was cost effective or necessary to purchase the frisbees or any other give aways.

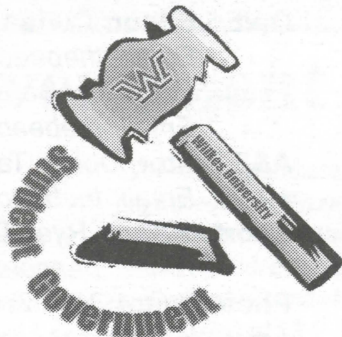
According to SG president Andrew Steinberg, directly following the September 14 meeting, the executive board met and discussed the need to purchase some form of give away for the upcoming Homecoming events. Later that week, Steinberg said he came across thunder sticks, which are noise-makers, while looking for give aways. He said he ran the idea past two other SG executive board members and then presented the

idea to Phil Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development for approval. Steinberg said he made the \$1,000 purchase using Ruthkosky's credit card.

"They [thunder sticks] would not have been here had we waited to order them after the next meeting," Steinberg said in regard to not having the general board vote on the matter.

Shortly after the decision to purchase the thunder sticks was made, Addy Malatesta, Wilkes University Athletic Director, informed Steinberg that thunder sticks are illegal at all NCAA sporting events.

At the September 28 SG meeting, sophomore class president, James Juice brought the issue of the thunder sticks to the attention of the general board at the end of the meeting.



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Administration announces new Leadership Institute

BY KRISTIN KILE
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To help students in their process to define leadership skills before they graduate, Wilkes University is formulating a Leadership Institute.

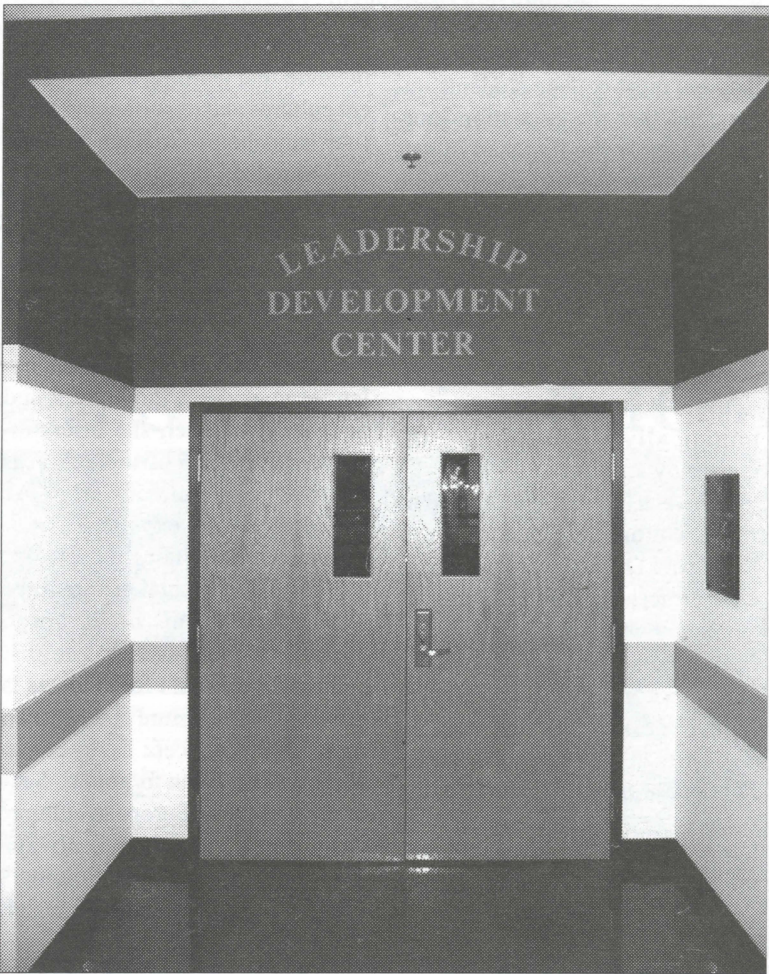
Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs and Phil Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development said the goal of the newly formed Leadership Institute is to develop and enhance students as leaders. Allen said the Leadership Institute is a conceptual idea and will serve as an umbrella for all other leadership initiatives on campus.

The institute incorporates a series of initiatives that will be offered throughout the semester. These initiatives include leadership workshops, mentoring and leadership retreats among other opportunities.

"What we're hoping to do is be a campus resource. Because it's a lot different than most programs, so there's a lot of ways to build, enhance your leadership potential," Ruthkosky said.

There is also a leadership development center under construction on the second floor of the Henry Student Center. The center is expected to be complete early this month.

"We're going to use that as a training facility. It's going to be a clearinghouse for the leadership related material...Students can go in there wanting to start a club or wanting ideas about fundraising, pick up



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The Leadership Development Center is expected to open sometime this month, affording students a common resource center for leadership information and other resources for clubs.

items that will be manned by a work study, [whom] we call leadership ambassadors," Ruthkosky said.

While not all of the initiatives are ready for immediate implementa-

tion, some programs have already begun. At the beginning of the semester, emails were sent to all

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Teachers bring more than books to the classroom

BY JEANNE STAPLETON
Beacon Correspondent

Most Wilkes students enter educational arena with a specific goal in mind.

For some, it is to achieve the necessary knowledge and skills to begin a successful career. For others, the main goal is to grow socially.

No matter what the specific goal may be, most college students understand that the education journey is simply the first step in getting to know and feel comfortable in a much larger world beyond the Wilkes University borders.

The professors who have a hand in that journey, are important elements to academic and emotional growth, and some bring international backgrounds to campus, automatically expanding the university's borders.

"There is no right culture and no wrong culture.... no culture is perfect," said Dr. Paola Bianco, associate professor of foreign language and study abroad coordinator.

Bianco, who is an alumna of Wilkes, is originally from Naples, Italy. For a period of nine years she also lived in Chile with her family. For both professional and personal reasons, Bianco has also traveled to many parts of the world including Mexico, South America and different parts of Europe.

After finishing her Ph.D in Romance Languages Dr. Bianco was drawn back to Wilkes and attained a teaching position with the university in 1996.

In March 2002, Bianco was appointed coordinator of the study abroad program. Bianco, who fluently speaks, reads and writes English, Spanish, Italian and French believes that learning about different cultures and experiencing them first hand helps students become well rounded.

One philosophy that infuses all of her teaching is that experience with a culture different than one's own teaches students more than any book they could read. In fact, not all of what Bianco teaches her language students might be found in a book. Rather, she offers insights into life and lifestyle choices that have come directly from her observations and experiences outside the United States.

Bianco noted that there are three important concepts of European culture that she teaches. The first and most important for students is to enjoy life and leisure time. Bianco said this is a concept in American culture that is often forgotten. Secondly, she said, "European cultures value their appearance, always dressing in their finest clothing." Finally, Europeans eat well which

helps contribute to their good health.

In order to understand the world around us, said Bianco, "We must be willing to be open-minded." Class discussions in Bianco's classes are a key component of her teaching style. By listening to the students, she is able to understand how they feel about a topic. Such insight enables her to express what it is actually like to be part of that particular culture from her own experiences.

"When I am in Italy, I feel American and when I am in America I feel Italian... I am part of both cultures," said Dr. Bianco.

On the other end of the spectrum of majors we have Dr. Vijay K Arora, professor of electrical engineering and engineering management. Arora was born in Pakistan and became an Indian citizen after India was split into two sections, presently the secular India and Islamic Pakistan.

In 1968, Arora came to the United States as a graduate student at the University of Colorado. After graduation, he accepted a position in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where he remained for a period of nine years.

When he returned to the United States, he was invited to Wilkes University by the late Dean Umid Nejib to oversee the micro fabrica-

tion lab. At that time, the engineering department and the small number of students per class impressed Arora.

"This created a conducive environment for student-teacher interaction. It was an ideal place for me to be," he said.

Over the course of his career, Arora has received many different citations of excellence including being listed in the Great Minds of the 21st Century, Leading Intellectuals of the World, International Man of the Year 1998/99, and International Educator of the Year, among many others.

Dr. Arora has visited many international institutions on short-term

assignments, and notes he is privileged to not only know the different cultures, but also the different educational methods that are being practiced around the globe.

When he is not traveling around the world presenting papers and giving lectures, he incorporates those experiences into the Wilkes classroom, which he believes directly benefits engineering students.

"Engineering is diverse anywhere. You go into any engineering department and you will identify diverse talents, races, and diversity of programs and projects. This is the only way that engineering can advance," said Arora.



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Dr. Paola Bianco, pictured at left, brings her knowledge of a variety of cultures to her classroom. Bianco has traveled extensively since her graduation from Wilkes, and gladly brings her world knowledge to the classroom.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Armed Forces national and local trends

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS
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For years the Tobyhanna Army Depot has been the economic lifeblood of that small northeastern Pennsylvania community. It has provided jobs—even to some Wilkes University graduates in engineering or communications.

But, like many armed forces outlets across the nation, threats of cuts have occasionally sent ripples of fear across the community. The most recent of those recommendations happened in May and just last month, President George W. Bush concurred with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's recommendations for national base realignment and closings.

Tobyhanna, however, has managed to escape the sorts of cuts to which others across the nation have succumbed; in fact, the local army base has actually seen substantial growth recently.

According to Kevin Toolan, the Depot's public affairs officer, the number of jobs at Tobyhanna has actually increased and seen advances in job placement over the last decade. For example, in the late 1990s, the Tobyhanna Army Depot took over the repair and overhaul of the Air Force ground communications-electronics system from the Sacramento Air Logistics Center in California. As a result, around 825 jobs were transferred to Tobyhanna.

The September 11 terrorist attacks also

increased jobs at Tobyhanna. With the war on terrorism in full swing, the repair and maintenance of military equipment, such as the Firefinder weapons-detecting radar system, a system that can track enemy mortar and rocket fire from a pinpoint area, increased.

"Typically we repair six or seven of those systems in a year," Toolan said. "We are now repairing that many in a month."

In order to keep the base running, Tobyhanna has hired over 2,000 personnel since the year 2000. According to Toolan, over the last year alone, 550 new personnel have also been hired.

"Tobyhanna is the Defense Department's largest maintenance center for the repair and overhaul of hundreds of communications-electronics systems that are critical to ongoing military operations," Toolan said. "It is logical that our workload grows when our armed forces are using those systems so extensively."

Tobyhanna has been kept busy over the last decade, but many other depots have been downsizing and closing, due to a lack of available jobs. This lowers the funds available to keep the military bases open, such as building and roads maintenance and lighting.

"If they close [a] base, it saves a lot of money on infrastructure costs," said Major Bill Ramsey (ret.), who is an Army ROTC recruiter, for Scranton University, Wilkes University and King's College.

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campus clubs saying one member must attend leadership training in order for the club to receive its Student Government (SG) funding. Ruthkosky said the reason for the training is to help student organizations be as efficient as they can be.

Beth Horn, sophomore business administration major attended the workshop for the marketing club. Horn said during the leadership training she learned the ins and outs of fundraising and budgeting.

"We just got sanctioned last year, before the end of the year. We knew nothing about budgeting, what we can do with our money. So it helped us a lot. I printed out everything and gave it to the other officers of the club," Horn said.

Another initiative in the works is a low ropes/team-building course. Allen said this project is a rather expensive one and SG has expressed interest in funding the project. A company is currently working on plans to have it installed in the University Center on Main

and is expected to be completed in the spring.

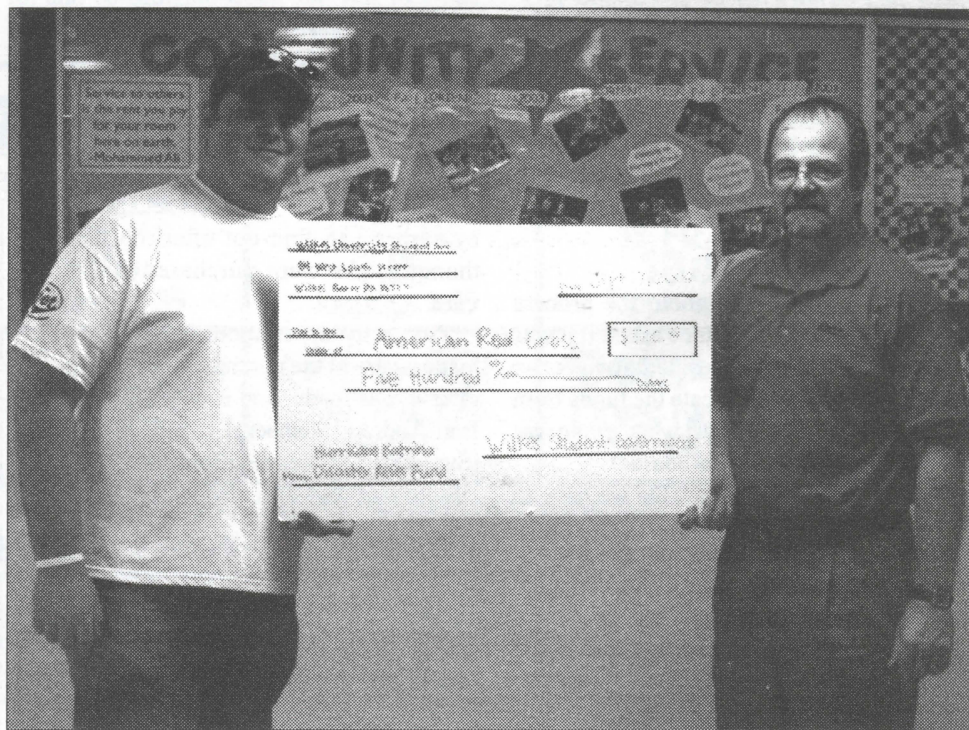
"That would be a resource for any club or organization or again a freshmen foundations class, wherever you bring in the concept of wanting to team build, wanting to build self-esteem and all of those character building skills, there would be an opportunity for that," Allen said.

According to Allen, the culture of the university depends on student leadership. As a result, Allen and Ruthkosky said it would only be fitting to have student leaders as facilitators and resources for the Leadership Institute. Ruthkosky said once the ball is rolling, student leaders will play a large role in the leadership training.

"What we're doing is giving students the opportunity to graduate with a well-rounded background...we're giving you a lot of ways to build that resume and develop a sense of self-awareness in leadership positions," Allen said.

Students who are interested in participating in or learning more about the Leadership Institute can contact Ruthkosky at 408-4108 or Leadership Director Mary Waldorf at 408-4645.

SG Donates \$500 to American Red Cross



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

SG President Andrew Steinberg presents SG donation to Michael Zimmerman, the Wyoming Valley Chapter American Red Cross executive director during Party with a Purpose.

SG committed the \$500 donation to be given to the American Red Cross at the September 7 SG meeting in response to Hurricane Katrina and the mass destruction left in the wake of the powerful storm.

The American Red Cross is currently accepting donations for the disaster victims of the two September hurricanes. The funds are being used to send disaster relief workers to the area and to aid families who are in need of food, clothing, and shelter after the storms. Currently the American Red Cross is housing and feeding victims in several hundred

Student Government Notes

September 28 meeting

- New elected members were sworn in. Two freshman seats remain vacant because the elected students did not put in writing that they accepted their duty and did not show up to the SG meeting.

- WISE UP [Women's Interest Society Empowering the University Population] presented for the first week in an attempt to gain club status. WISE UP aims to promote feminism and women's rights and interests.

- SG representatives reported that 46.7 % of entire student body voted for Homecoming court.

- Jenn Ramil made a motion that \$150 be

allocated to purchase plaques to acknowledge Rodano's Pizza and Nationwide Insurance for all of the help that the businesses provided during Homecoming. The motion was seconded by Mike Canzanella. Motion passed 28-0-1.

- The \$750 allocated at the August 31 meeting to purchase frisbees for Club Day was never used because SG representatives learned that the frisbees could not be delivered in time. SG President Andrew Steinberg and five other SG members decided instead to order thunder sticks for Homecoming. Addy Malatesta, Athletic Director, then reported that thunder sticks, and any noisemakers, are illegal at any NCAA sporting event.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Wilkes biology students present research at ASPB conference

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS
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Seattle is known for its persistent rainy weather, Starbucks coffee and birthplace of grunge music that dominated the early 1990s.

But for 13 Wilkes biology students during the summer, it was a peek into the real world of plant biology--and a whole new level of scholarship.

Dr. William Terzaghi, associate professor of biology, took a baker's dozen of his students who have been working with him on various projects throughout their college careers to the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) national meeting in Seattle from July 16 to July 20.

The conference included 2,000 attendees, mostly professional biologists from all over the world who presented their findings from a wide variety of research projects. The Wilkes students who attended with Terzaghi were among an elite 50 undergraduate students in attendance who presented their findings from projects.

Senior biology major Ashley McBrearty, co-presented her group project on the respiration rates in mutant *arabidopsis thaliana* plant-cell membranes. Her team explored the question of how the fatty acid composition of the mitochondria, a powerhouse of a cell

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Juice raised questions about the process that led to the purchase. Juice asked if it was appropriate for the SG president to make an executive decision to allocate the funds from the Spirit Committee Budget when a vote was not brought to the general board.

"Can we just take money? Do we have to



Courtesy Dr. William Terzaghi

Thirteen biology students traveled to Seattle to present at the American Society of Plant Biologists national meeting during the month of July.

that supplies cells' energy, influences how plants respond to temperature. The students tested the plants in oxygen electrodes and found that the membranes had to be the right "gooeyness," as Terzaghi called it, to work properly to keep the plant alive.

Senior biology major Jennifer Ramil's project, titled "Peroxisomal Targeting," dealt with color-coding a plant cell using fluorescents. Since parts of a plant are hard to determine under a microscope, color-cod-

ing the parts make it easier to see. The study focused on the peroxisomes, an organelle responsible for protecting the cell from hydrogen peroxide, a chemical that the cell produces.

Terzaghi has a long history of including his students in many regional and national conferences and said, "They get to see what it's like to be at a real meeting and (how) scientists behave when they're by themselves when there aren't students watching."

"We connected with the outside world," said McBrearty. "It was a great opportunity to be connected to the world of biologists outside of the school, so we can see what they do, how we can stay connected to them and their political experience."

While at the conference, the students had an opportunity to learn about new advances in the biological world. "We learned that people actually make a career out of the science that we do and it was really interesting to learn some new revolutionary concepts," said Ramil. "We were seeing stuff that was pretty radical and...that isn't taught in the classroom yet, but probably will be in a couple of years."

When the conference was over, Terzaghi and his students went back to a youth hostel eight blocks away from the conference center where they stayed the night. "After getting pounded with science all day, you can relax and talk with people from all over the world who have nothing to do with science," said Terzaghi.

The group stayed an extra day in Seattle to do some well-earned sightseeing. They saw most of the sights that Seattle had to offer and then went up to Mount Rainier National Park to see the 14,400-foot volcano.

Three of the students were able to make it up to the 9,000-foot level, while the other ten stopped at the 7,000 ft. level.

by surprise to find out after the fact the thundersticks were purchased without a vote.

"I'm pretty upset about it. I was never made aware of the purchase until a few days after it was made, and it didn't even come from Andrew [Steinberg]. It came from Jenna [Strzelecki]," SG treasurer John McClave said.

Steinberg took full responsibility for the

"Can we just take money? Do we have to allot money to go to that, or can you, as the president just take that out?"

James Juice, sophomore class president

allot money to go to that, or can you, as the president just take that out," Juice asked.

Steinberg responded that the rally towels purchased for the 2004 Homecoming events were purchased in the same manner.

Vice president Jenna Strzelecki, who was in charge of ordering the rally towels said, "I had to ask the Exec. Board, and then I had to tell [the treasurer] what I was buying."

In response to the information provided by Strzelecki, Steinberg said, "It was an oversight by me, and I take full responsibility for it."

With money allotted, it took some members

purchase and said, "They are ordered and on their way. I take full responsibility for them. We are going to have to find another way to use them; we just can't use them at a sporting event."

SG members offered ideas to use the thunder sticks at the upcoming King's College and Wilkes University pep rally that will take place before the Mayor's Cup game. The noisemakers would be allowed at the pep rally, but not at the game.

"They will probably be used at the pep rally, it's the most logical idea we can use them for," Steinberg said.



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Dr. Rob Seeley, associate professor of economics, gets pined in the face for Party with a Purpose. The Part with a Purpose was held Friday, September 20, to benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Relief efforts.

Healthy campus requires good policies, moral support

BY DANA ZLOTUCHA
Beacon Correspondent

No community is completely healthy. As an employer, one of Wilkes University's responsibilities is to respond to health challenges among its faculty.

Dr. Mike Case, professor of geoenvironmental sciences and engineering, has had health problems recently and recalled his experience with the University's health care policies in a positive light. "Throughout all of my years at Wilkes, whenever I sustained an injury, or had some health issues, the people in the department, the faculty, and my students have always been exceedingly helpful. In all the years I've worked here, there was never a time that I didn't get support from both the administration and the people in my department," commented Case.

Similarly, after Dr. Agnes Cardoni, assistant professor of English, suffered from some heart problems last year, she asked for some assistance and Wilkes University colleagues aided her happily. "I asked to not have to run from building to building in between classes, when I only had a short

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Dr. Mike Case, professor of geoenvironmental sciences and engineering

amount of time to do so. All I had to do was mention it to the registrar and she took care of it," she said.

While sources agreed that moral support through the healing process was abundant among colleagues and students alike, another key element to health care involves the University's policies. Just last year, Wilkes instituted a required health care policy be carried on every student. Faculty and staff also have an option to enroll in the University's health care plan through First Priority Health. Case commented, "Wilkes, as an institution has obligation to its employees [to provide health care], and it does a really good job."

He believes, however, that whatever short-

comings Wilkes experiences stem from the problems within the national government. "The bigger picture is the failure of political leaders over the last three or four decades to address the need for a national health care system," said Case.

Case discussed his experience in Canada while doing his graduate work. "There is a national health care system there, albeit it wasn't always perfect, but...the whole family had health care that way."

Dr. Linda Paul, associate professor of philosophy, also has had serious health issues recently. According to Paul, her fellow faculty members and department chair were helpful and considerate when she was in a bad situation. "One of the things that went

through my mind a lot was how lucky I was to have reasonably good health insurance and to work for a place that would accommodate [my health care issues] and not someplace that...would hassle me. It's so hard to deal with a serious medical problem like that, and then to be worrying about whether you have a job at the same time, I just can't imagine how hard that would be."

According to a recent PBS.org article, the cost of health insurance in the United States has leapt substantially in the past decade, "far surpassing the general rate of inflation in most years...In 1990, American companies spent \$177 billion on health benefits for workers and their dependents; that number rose to \$252 billion by 1996, or more than double the rate of inflation." (<http://www.pbs.org/healthcarecrisis/healthinsurance.html>)

Paul is also in agreement that something needs to be done about the American national health care system. She acknowledged how unethical it is for doctors and insurance groups to demand such large profits for services, which effectively keep low income individuals from receiving adequate health care. "Our country is so backwards that way," noted Paul.



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Alcohol citations handled unevenly

Wilkes students need to know the laws

BY THE BEACON
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Alcohol is an abused substance on campuses nationwide. According to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, national alcohol abuse costs college students a combined \$5.5 billion each year, and is responsible for the deaths of 1,400 students annually.

Alcohol is clearly a problem, one that should be addressed sooner rather than later at colleges across the nation. Wilkes University is no exception.

This past month, thanks to the citation of 35 Wilkes University students at a party at 354 S. Franklin Street on September 17, alcohol again became the main topic of conversation nearly everywhere on campus—at least for a few days. Wilkes community members have been reminded that underage drinking will not be tolerated. The prevailing message was: it's against the law, plain and simple. If you're not 21, don't do it. If you are 21, don't host parties at which both alcohol and underage guests are present together.

Pennsylvania laws seem rather cut and dried. However, many students are unaware

of the exact legal measures that can be taken against them if they are underage and caught drinking or if they provide alcohol to minors.

According to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, providing, furnishing, or buying alcohol for or to minors is punishable by a \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail. And that's only for the first offense. In contrast, a citation for underage drinking is punishable by only \$300 and up to 90 days in jail. And, if an underage student attends a party at which minors are drinking, he or she can and will be charged with a citation for underage drinking, regardless of whether that student has consumed any alcohol.

While students may argue that these laws lack fairness, and to some degree this is true, that was not the main lesson of two weeks ago. The question really became, *why don't we know this stuff?*

The bottom line is that University administrators know full well that here, like nearly every other college campus on this nation, young people—yes, even those who are underage—will experiment with alcohol. Others, while trying to be somewhat responsible and avoid drinking themselves, are also likely to stand by at some point and watch their friends do it. Given this, where are our fact

sheets, outlining the rules for us? If statistics such as the ones provided above exist, then why aren't preventative measures being taken? Where are the effective scare tactics that instill fear in students who merely tag along to parties and don't drink? We should be explicitly aware of the laws surrounding this national issue.

Beefing up Public Safety, hiring more police officers for weekends and special events, and answering calls to homes to issue warnings are all well and good. Enacting tough sanctions from the University for those underage students who are caught drinking may also have been necessary. Most likely, such tactics inspire some change on campus.

However, the rules are punitive rather than preventative. Punishing those students who drank that Saturday night will most likely have them thinking twice about drinking again, at least until their 21st birthday. And those who weren't drinking but were cited because they were simply there are likely to think twice about responding to a similar invitation in the near future.

But what kind of message did this raid send to 21 and older students who own homes or apartments and throw these parties? Basically, that it's okay to continue doing so.

Not a single \$1,000 citation was handed out to those who threw the party. One could argue that those who buy the alcohol and provide the locale for the party are more at fault than the students who merely show up and partake of what is laid out for them. Why, then, were those who hosted the party not cited by Wilkes-Barre police? Were it not for students who bought the alcohol, would the underage drinking have even occurred? If underage drinking is wrong, then it's wrong across the board and anyone who engages in it or facilitates it should be punished.

We cannot effectively enact change unless we prevent problems from occurring before they develop. Addressing underage drinking on campus is no different. Students need real-time facts about what can happen to them and how they will be punished for drinking and providing alcohol. Otherwise, nothing will change. "Don't get caught" will continue to operate as a motto here on campus instead of the more appropriate one of "don't drink." If Wilkes University truly cares about the welfare of its students as it claims to, it will address these issues and put preventative measures in place, rather than knocking down the door and arresting everyone after it's too

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Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 36 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is your favorite food at the Bloomsburg Fair?

- Deep fried oreos - 17%
- Corn dogs - 8%
- Candied apples - 8%
- Stromboli - 6%
- Sausage and peppers - 8%
- Clam Chowder - 3%
- Gyros - 11%
- Blooming onion - 8%
- Blue birch beer - 14%
- Other - 17%

Next Week's Poll Question:

What do you look at first each week in *The Beacon*?

- News
- College Daze
- Opinion
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- Sports
- Pictures
- Nickle for Your Thoughts

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Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle



Roberts is sworn in

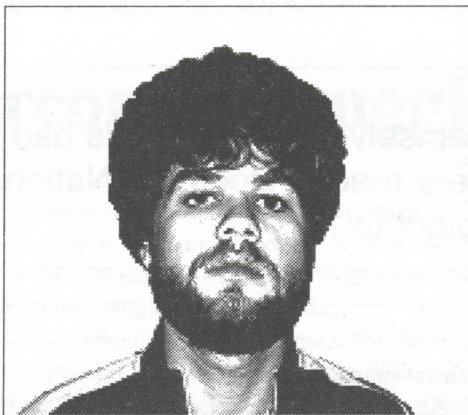
Chief Justice Roberts confirmed: Big surprise

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

Late last week, at the last possible second and after a few foolish squabbles, the Senate did something that was just about inevitable from the start by confirming John Roberts as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. And although there is already some handwringing among my liberal colleagues, frankly, I don't really think it's that big of a deal.

From the moment he was nominated months ago, there was a bit of an uproar over Roberts among the left, which is strange because he is the exact picture of the nominee I expected from the Bush administration. He is relatively young and not that offensive-looking (except for his mouth. I'm sorry, something about it just creeps me out), he is obviously conservative but not openly enough just yet to be labeled as a complete ideologue, he doesn't have enough of a paper trail to really pin him down as believing strongly in much of anything, and he is intelligent enough to dodge questions.

As there is little information to really illustrate Roberts as a right-wing extremist on any



The Beacon/Matt Zebrowski

major hot button issues like abortion or gay marriage, I was actually shocked that Bush had picked so moderate of a nominee. That's not to say that now that he's confirmed to the Supreme Court he will stick with moderation, though. History shows that judges have a knack for evolving and crafting their political philosophies while on the bench, and some for the better, even. Take, for instance, former Chief Justice Earl Warren, probably the most liberal Chief Justice the Court has ever had. Before being appointed, however,

Warren was a lifelong moderate and was actually appointed by Eisenhower, a moderate Republican. So there's no reason to give ourselves ulcers convincing ourselves that Roberts will turn into the next Scalia.

In fact, there's no reason to convince ourselves that Roberts will turn out to be anything in particular. If he was being honest in his confirmation hearings (which I still would argue is a possibility), his reluctance to speak on issues that would potentially come before the Supreme Court is a good thing, as it illustrates a reluctance to judge a case before actually hearing it. If that wasn't just a PR move, I've gotta say that you deserve a pat on the back for that, Johnny.

There's also no reason to believe that if Roberts were denied the next nominee would have been any more liberal. In fact, with the virtually guaranteed success of any appointee who made it past the Senate Judiciary Committee, if Roberts failed to make it past his hearings, he probably would have been succeeded by another nominee who was exactly the same.

If this sounds like rationalization to you, that's probably because it is. Roberts doesn't seem like the type of guy that I would have

picked for Chief Justice, but he seems like he'll be stomachable, and certainly no worse than Rehnquist. He even admitted in the confirmation hearings to believing in a constitutional right to privacy, which is really pretty cool.

And as hard as it is to accept, we liberals need to realize three things. The first is that we lost the last election. The second is that Supreme Court vacancies have unfortunately opened up and *because* we lost the last election the nominations for justices to fill those vacancies aren't ours to make. The third is that the Supreme Court needs to do its thing, and anyone who attempts to prevent that by complaining too much about a nominee, who in actuality could be a lot less palatable, will be labeled as an obstructionist.

It's a crappy situation, for sure, but it could be a lot worse. The nominee could have been someone far more abrasive than Roberts. Plus, there's still that O'Connor vacancy to worry about. I think this is one time where we just need to cut our losses and look towards the future, rather than getting our knickers in a bunch over the inevitable.

Our Father doesn't discriminate, why should you?

Vatican expected to bar homosexuals from the priesthood

BY REBECCA GOODMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

Religion fascinates me. Really, it does. I have always held a fringe interest in it even though I am not a particularly religious person.

Perhaps this fascination is born out of the fact that I was raised Irish Catholic. But tradition and pomp and circumstance aside, as of late I have become increasingly more embarrassed to even admit that I had at one time been a practicing member of the Catholic church.

A September 22 story in the *New York Times* announced that an issue the Vatican has been struggling with for the past decade will most likely become final within the next six weeks. The issue at hand is whether or not to allow homosexuals into the priesthood.

For the longest time, the Church has articulated no formal policy with regard to affirming or denying sexual preference upon entering the seminary. Any young man who wanted to devote his life to God, was able to do so without having to disclose anything about his sexuality. Naturally, part of this

hinges on the fact that young men entering the priesthood could not *be* sexual, as celibacy has remained a staunch requirement of Catholic priesthood.

That really isn't the case anymore. Instead, we will now see a stricter policy that has those interested in the priesthood forced to admit sexual preference. If a young would-be priest admits homosexual tendencies, he will be turned away. The Church has said, however, in rare instances a decision may be decided for that particular case.

What bothers me about this whole idea is not only the fact that to make the decision final, overt discrimination towards a group of individuals will become Vatican law, but also that this decision is indicative of staunch resistance to change that is so prevalent in the Catholic church.

I realize that last sentence may elicit exclamations of, "Well, DUH!" But hear me out. I may be a *bit* idealistic to hope that an organized religion so powerful and influential that it has its own country--so entrenched in tradition that it will not stray from an ideology that has become outdated and obsolete in many respects--will suddenly stand up and

figuratively say, "You know, we think we may have mistepped a little and would like to fix that."

What was that rule that was pounded into our heads as children in Sunday school? The Golden One, right? As far as I remember, it's about treating others the way you would want to be treated. I really don't think that those making the laws would want to be disrespected and ostracized just because of sexual preference, especially because it is something that cannot be changed.

Sexual preference is not like dying your hair.

Call me cynical, but I doubt the change I wax on about will ever happen. Or at least I thought so until I saw that some Church leaders are up in arms about the proposed sexuality policy.

That's right, some leaders of the church were actually planning a trip to Rome to discuss what a terrible move this would be for the faith. An internal letter was sent to leaders of the various religious orders that operate under Vatican law from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, which is the coordinating body for religious orders in America. The letter addresses the concerns this deci-

sion raises.

Whether this decision to discriminate is made final or not, the idea of entertaining it to begin with may be the reason so many people are disenchanted with the Catholic church.

If the Catholic figureheads were to actually embrace its fundamental teachings of acceptance and love of your fellow man--a concept discussed nine out of ten Sundays in Ordinary Time--the church would not be facing the sort of public image issue it faces right now.

Perhaps the Church leaders should actually listen to the teachings of Christ that they preach every week, not just the outdated church doctrine that was fashionable in the Dark Ages, and practice the fundamentals of the belief system to which they claim to ascribe.

As Reverend Chojanacki, one of the leaders who co-authored the letter that was sent to rally those interested to Rome said, "We know that God does not discriminate."

So why then, are the leaders of his church doing so?

Stop the blame game and fix what's broken

Slow government response to Katrina serves as wake-up call

BY ROB DONAHUE

Beacon Correspondent

Just about everyone knows how horrible and chaotic the federal government's response was after Hurricane Katrina.

I remember turning on the T.V. and seeing pictures from Louisiana and thinking it was a third world country. No, it was one of our own states. People were crying, rioting, and dying. Four days after Katrina hit New Orleans, supplies finally arrived, but by then actually reaching many of the victims was nearly impossible.

The media duly grilled federal, state and local government officials about the slow response. So what does President Bush do? He tells then-FEMA Director Michael Brown, "You're doing one heck of a job, Brownie." Wow, yeah, really good job. He should ask the residents of New Orleans if Brown did a good job. Remember Brown is the guy that said he had first heard about people in the Superdome when Ted Koppel brought it up in an interview. Finally, after several screw-ups, Brown was called back to Washington D.C. and then eventually resigned from his

position (surprise!) and was replaced.

On Tuesday, September 27, former FEMA director Michael Brown testified in front of a U.S. House Committee investigating the Hurricane Katrina response and protocol. Brown maintained he and his staff did the best they could, and insisted that state and local officials had fumbled the ball. He even went so far as to blame the White House.

According to a September 25 article that appeared in *The Toronto Star*, "The Bush administration cut funding for the Army Corps of Engineers' proposed refurbishment of hundreds of kilometers of levees in the region...the administration slashed FEMA's budget, and installed in the demoralized agency's top posts refugees from Bush political campaigns who lacked expertise in di-

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saster-management."

Americans must ask themselves, "What if this had been a terrorist attack?" Are America's first responders ready? Does the National Guard have enough manpower to be able to protect us?

I think the situation in New Orleans answers these questions. So what must the federal government do to prevent another mess in New Orleans? First, Congress should enact guidelines for the President when appointing people to direct FEMA.

Second, make sure we have enough National Guard troops to take care of domestic crises and natural disasters. Given that so many U.S. troops are currently overseas, domestic disasters run similar risks to what Americans saw in the Gulf. Lawlessness--

brought about largely by fear and frustration--encouraged media headlines that used the word "anarchy" in headlines.

Third, raise taxes on the rich. Bush's plan for tax break after tax break--especially for the wealthy--has left the United States no financial cushion when disasters like September's twin hurricanes strike. It is essential we find a way to pay for this and other disasters and the answer doesn't lie in cutting human service programs already stretched thin.

Finally, those in positions of authority should stop the blame game and the politics and work to figure out what went wrong with the federal response during the Post-Katrina days and concentrate on how it can be prevented in the future.

YOUR VOICES

Major news in music world missed by reviewer

Dear Editor,

I'm not a rabid Fiona Apple fan, trolling around the internet looking for people badmouthing her so I can shoot them down or anything...

I am, however, a big fan of "journalism."

Music reviewers have every right to dislike an album...it's kind of inherent in their position. The issue I take with Paul Lessane's recent review of Fiona Apple's newest album, *Extraordinary Machine*, is the apparent complete and utter lack of research undertaken by the author.

The author claims that the album was held back from fans because they felt it wasn't marketable. This was the rumor for months that spawned the "Free Fiona" campaign. However, when Apple (and Sony) announced the release of her album, she cleared up any mystery regarding the delay, which, in fact, had nothing to do with the record label. Fiona Apple herself was unhappy with the sound of the album and was looking to rerecord most of the tracks with another producer.

I guess what's really stunning about this is that this was fairly major news in the music world...even the most passive interest in music news should have kept anybody abreast of an item like this.

So really, that someone who could possibly have missed this information is writing music reviews...Well, that just boggles the mind.

Stan Park
Brooklyn, New York

Hatred of subject can't affect perception of facts

Dear Editor,

You've probably received some emails about this already, but here I go: Paul Lessane, who reviewed Fiona Apple's *Extraordinary Machine*, needs to check his facts before putting them in print. I can forgive that he doesn't like the album - that's obviously his opinion - but he gets some facts glaringly wrong that make it difficult for his review to be taken seriously.

One is that Sony shelved the album. All along the line, that has only been a rumor- never confirmed. It has actually come out recently that Fiona herself shelved the album, which puts a very different spin on the situation.

Also, the lyrics he quoted are way off. What makes this especially bad is that he used them to make a point against her, which is completely lost if you know what Fiona's actually singing. Here's what he says: "Anyway, at least she's keen enough to pat herself on the back. Take the irony of 'Oh Sailor's' plaintive cry: 'It's undecided, coz I ruined it all, but I saved myself by never relieving you dear.' Indeed."

What she's actually singing there is this: "It's double-sided, coz I ruined it all, but also saved myself by never believing you, dear." That mistake renders an entire paragraph of his meaningless.

It comes off like Lessane was eager to hate this album to the point where he heard only what he wanted to hear. His opinion is one thing; however, if he hopes to become a professional journalist, he can't let his hatred of a subject affect his perception of facts.

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Castaneda overcomes struggles and brightens Wilkes campus

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

Diversity at Wilkes University is not just seen in the classroom or in student organizations. People from all different backgrounds are a part of the Wilkes community, but ending up at Wilkes has not always been an easy road for some.

M. Raphael Castaneda, a member of the University maintenance staff best known for his cheerful greeting to all who enter the Henry Student Center, came from Guatemala more than 24 years ago. He came to the United States after the death of his father.

"My father was cleaning corn on the hill where we grew it. A huge rock started to fall towards him. He couldn't see it over the corn and it hit him on the head and he fell down the hill and died," Castaneda said of his father's death.

After his death, Castaneda and his brother had to quit school and work to keep the family out of poverty. "Everyone said, 'Why quit schooling when you only have two years left?' I said, 'What am I supposed to do? My family says we need food, we need clothes, we are poor. So I had to go and work. My brother and I gave up the hopes of being students.'"

The stress of having to leave school to care for a family was evident. "My brother and I had to give up the illusion of being

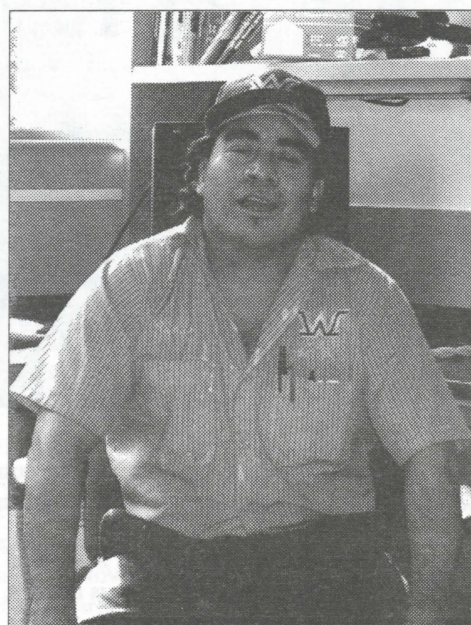
someone, someday, to take care of my big family. We had our own food that we grew, but we needed money for clothes and medicine," explained Castaneda.

After leaving Guatemala for the United States, Castaneda's journey to Wilkes took a long and winding road. He first worked in Phoenix, and shortly thereafter moved to Florida for three months. "They told me, 'Go to Florida and work picking oranges.' But it was not a good [crop] year and there was no work," said Castaneda.

Colorado was the next stop for Castaneda, who became a guitar player in a bar there. "The guy I went to Colorado with found out that I played a little guitar, so he went to the manager of the bar and told him I could play. I told the manager I just liked to play a little and I taught myself, and he handed me an electric guitar. He didn't like what I played--he loved it. He hired me to work there so people could listen and dance," Castaneda said.

After a short stint there, Castaneda moved on, eventually settling in at Wilkes University, where he has worked for the past three and a half years. "I like some things I've done (before Wilkes) better than this job, but working here is good. I'm living better than before. It's all right; I get my 40 hours," said Castaneda.

For many students Castaneda's cheerful countenance is a big part of the atmosphere



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As a member of the maintenance staff, M. Raphael Castaneda, known to the Wilkes community as Raphael, brightens the day of students and faculty by always offering a warm welcome to those who enter the Henry Student Center.

at the Henry Student Center. Alyssa Carisa, a junior pharmacy major said, "He (Castaneda) is a nice guy. We were in the car the other day and he waved at us."

Jacob Simonis, a sophomore math and

secondary education major said, "He will talk to anyone. He is a nice guy."

Castaneda chalks up student sentiment to his personality. "[Students] always say hi to me. I am a shy person, but I try to talk to them, too. I am not going to walk away. I try to respect them and to say hi, and that way we make friendships," he said.

Despite the happy outlook toward the students at Wilkes, Castaneda says there are some downfalls to his job and the area. "I live in Luzerne County, where they don't like to give out full-time jobs. For me, it was temp agencies for a long time. Then I get a job and they don't want to give me 40 hours, but a few of us get together and we got our 40 hours. I can never get happy-but maybe that will change. All I can say is I'm alive," he said.

Castaneda lives with his wife and is optimistic. "We are married for almost seven years. No children yet. My wife is 27 or 28. She is still a little young," he said.

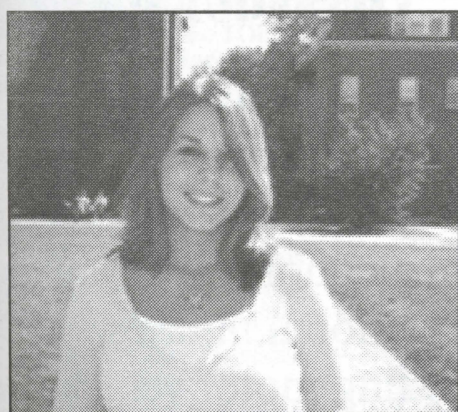
In the face of adversity, throughout his life Castaneda has shown that he can persevere. His time at Wilkes has shown that he can work hard and win the hearts of students at the same time.

Perhaps the next guitar chords students hear at the Rifkin Cafe will be coming from the same man who sweeps the stairwells there.

Tell Us...

Beacon reporter Nikki Yozviak was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.

Women weigh in... what aggravates you the most about the opposite sex?



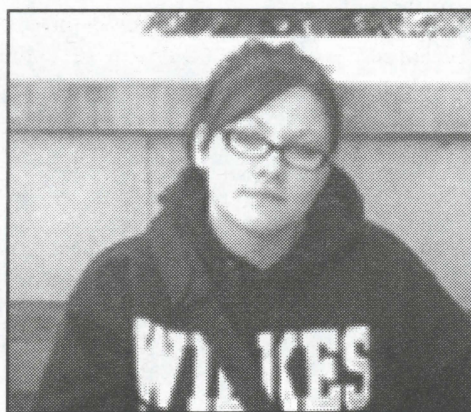
Tabitha Wanzie - freshman, elementary education major

"They don't listen at all!"



Nicole Armezzani - sophomore, English major

"I have a big problem with moustaches and long fingernails."



Katie Kresge - freshman, Spanish major

"Ew. Bad teeth."



Stef McHugh - freshman, undeclared major

"They don't think with their heads, if you know what I mean..."

Wilkes students determined to help McGlynn Learning Center

BY RICH HANNICK

Beacon Staff Writer

Imagine children without access to important educational tools like computers and social interaction. Sound like a problem for the Third World? For some area youth, this may become a reality.

The McGlynn Learning Center (MLC) is an after school program that provides meals, reading, and access to computers to young people who need it most. Along with all of these things the MLC initiates field trips for the youth of Boulevard Town Homes. "The McGlynn Learning Center provides hope to children living in low income housing by enriching their lives through ongoing education, recreation, social, and health programs," said Sister Miriam Stadulis, director of youth at the MLC.

But federal and state budget cuts have threatened MLC's very existence and Wilkes University students want to make sure its doors remain open.

Sigma Tau Delta (STD), and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) have several mutual members interested in aiding the McGlynn Learning Center (MLC). Drew Amoroso, a senior English major is the president and vice president of these clubs respectively.

Amoroso feels that since MLC offers an important community resource and is "right in our backyard," Wilkes students should do all we can to help them. "She [Sister Miriam Stadlis] needs other resources...we have such an abundance of resources. We should help," said Amoroso.

Stadlis acknowledges the hardships of run-



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Due to federal and state budget cuts, the continuation of the McGlynn Learning Center is in jeopardy. Many Wilkes students are working hard to make sure that the program for disadvantaged youth remains a success.

ning the MLC now that her major source of income has dried up, but noted she is always grateful to have a helping hand in any way.

"Not many people realize the impact they can have on children in need," said Dr. Agnes Cardoni, associate professor of English and advisor for Sigma Tau Delta.

Cardoni supports the idea of supplying the MLC with learning materials including paper and pencils so the children can further their education. Cardoni said, "We need to get them the stuff you and I took for granted."

When the clubs took a few trips to the MLC Amoroso observed, "I think the oldest [chil-

dren] there were middle school age," which means many of these children are young and impressionable.

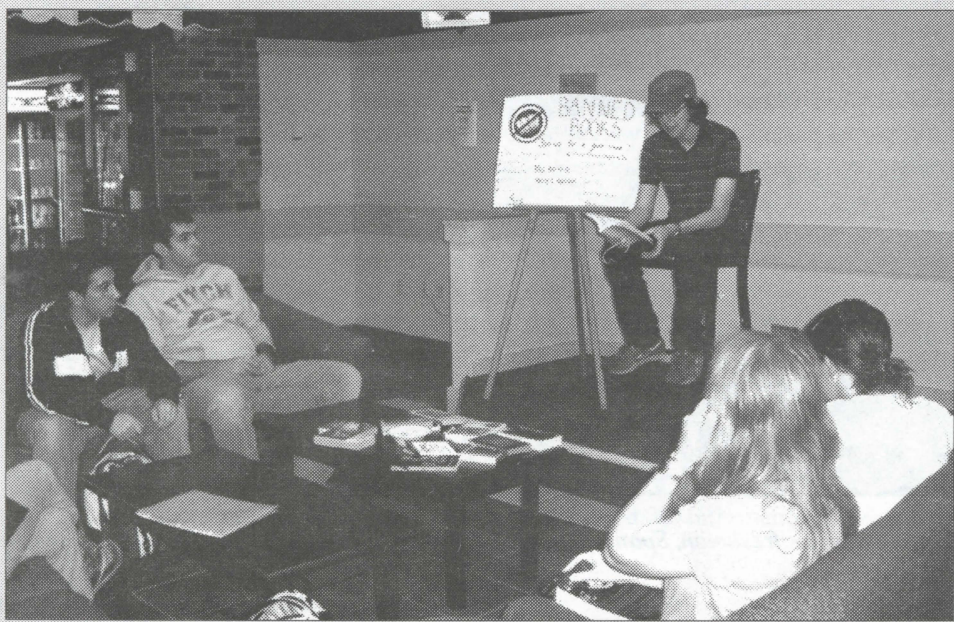
SAAC has helped in the past by playing games with the children and teaching them the sports they play. "Each sport takes a day with the kids and shows them the basics of their sport," said Tara Friedman, senior English/education major, who is also a member of SAAC and STD. She felt compelled to help the MLC because the organization lost funding.

Amoroso acknowledged how much SAAC has done for the MLC and figured it would

be more resourceful to combine efforts between the club that he and Friedman are a part of. "The more people the better," said Amoroso.

"I think money, time, even ordinary notebooks, pens, pencils would help," said Cardoni. Cardoni urged more people to become aware and unified in the fight to keep the MLC alive. "This is very real, and very nearby...this is poverty with a face," Cardoni said. Anyone interested in helping the fight for the MLC can contact Dr. Cardoni, Drew Amoroso, or Tara Friedman.

Wilkes participates in Banned Book Week



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Wilkes students convene in Rifkin Cafe to celebrate National Banned Book Week September 26 through September 30. The week celebrates First Amendment freedoms. Students took turns reading excerpts from controversial books such as "To Kill a Mockingbird," and "Ape of Essence." The event was sponsored by the American Library Association and Sigma Tau Delta. Proceeds raised from the event were donated to the McGlynn Learning Center. For more on Banned Book Week, read *A&E Profile: Dr. Cardoni* on page 13 of the Arts & Entertainment section.

Just the **FACTS** COLLEGE DRINKING CONSEQUENCES

Death: 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

(Hingson et al., 2005)

TOEFL format revised

New exam emphasizes speech skills

BY ERIC ALEO
Beacon Staff Writer

For some international students planning to attend U.S. colleges and universities, all that may be standing in the way are a visa and standardized test scores designed to determine a prospective international student's proficiency in English.

The Testing of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) exam recently underwent some changes that could possibly make it harder for these potential students to gain entry into American educational institutions.

Educational Testing Services (ETS) initially established the TOEFL, which has evolved from a paper to computer/internet-based exam over the years. The computer/internet exam recently was modified to include an oral component that evaluates how students read, write, and speak in coordination with the written skills the test previously focused on.

According to an Associated Press article on CNN.com, the new TOEFL debuted last Saturday and is causing some international students to worry that they will be disadvantaged as a result of the "textbook" English education they received in school.

According to the article, which ran on September 23, primarily Asian students are concerned about the new evaluation because they have attended schools that generally emphasize vocabulary and grammar, largely associated with reading and writing, over spoken language skills.

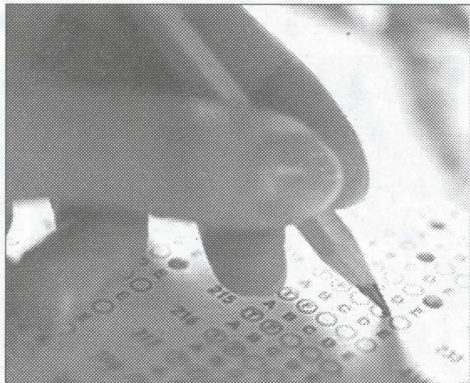
Mike Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing Communication, serves as the University's international recruitment expert and is familiar with the TOEFL exam and its many evolutions.

Frantz has had no firsthand experience with the new version of the TOEFL and therefore is unaware of whether or not it will be more difficult for international students.

"I have not seen one of these yet in application," stated Frantz.

However, Frantz emphasized that although the TOEFL examination is the most common, there are other options for international students trying to gain entry into American colleges and universities.

"They may have attended a high school or, in case of graduate school, a university where English is the language of instruction. That's not uncommon for international students,"



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added Frantz.

There are also other evaluation tests such as the English as a Second Language exam (ESL) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) that students may take to evaluate their English proficiency.

Frantz also added that, at Wilkes, international students' English proficiency can be gauged through an interview with the admissions department.

Wilkes University encourages diversity on campus and has seen the enrollment of international students increase in recent years.

Some of the countries represented on the Wilkes University campus include China, Greece, Korea, India, Turkey, Colombia and several of these students have taken the TOEFL to gain admission.

Whether or not the new TOEFL exam will encourage international students to shy away from attempting to attend U.S. colleges and universities, remains to be seen.

"I have enough faith in ETS and what they are trying to do is develop a test that measures a student's English proficiency and in the absence of English proficiency we can imagine how hard it would be to survive in the classroom," Frantz remarked.

Google Scholar adds scholarly dimension to Internet searches

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

Google--an Internet destination so huge it has become a common verb in the English language (as in "Google it").

It can also be a librarian's worst nightmare.

The Internet search engine has made even obscure knowledge easily accessible from the comfort of one's own home, making it virtually unnecessary for students to venture out to the library.

Citing "lack of authority" or students tendency not to question what they read online, professors are often hesitant to encourage students to use Google for research purposes. But that all may be changing soon.

"The Google Scholar (or "Schoogle") is a new search engine that has some advantages as well as some disadvantages," said Brian Sacolic, University librarian.

Schoogle allows anyone to search a database of scholarly journals and articles and find out if the full text is available online or in local libraries. Gone are the days of sorting through files on EBSCOhost. Now students can simply "schoogle it."

But, Sacolic warned, "One-stop shopping isn't helpful when you have specialized needs." This is just one of the disadvantages of Google Scholar.

According to the Google

Scholar website, <http://scholar.google.com>, "Google Scholar can boost the worldwide visibility and accessibility of your content."

However, Sacolic argues that it is not a perfect program. "Coverage appears to be strongest in sciences and technology, and weakest in the humanities," said Sacolic.

But the Google Scholar website claims that one can "find articles from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web."

Sacolic added, "unless an academic library has linked its resources to Schoogle (Farley Library has not yet), users often follow links to publishers' web sites, where access requires a subscriber's login or a purchase fee (\$30-45).

Sacolic also notes that students at Wilkes are already paying for these services and "by sidestepping to Schoogle, students will be wasting their tuition dollars."

While Schoogle has some pros and cons, it is important to keep in mind that it is only available in a beta version. This means that the Google team is still trying to work out some of the bugs.

While students may be eager to use Schoogle, Sacolic said, "It is an okay place to start, but you could miss the best resources available in the library by using only Schoogle."

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Talking With opens this weekend in DDD Blackbox

All-women cast present character monologues

BY JESSITEEVAN

Beacon Correspondent

Something new is coming to the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for Performing Arts and it includes a snake handler and baton twirler.

The Wilkes University Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present *Talking With*, this weekend in the Black Box Theater.

Talking With, according to director C. Richard Gillespie, is a set of ten monologues specifically for women, written by playwright Jane Martin, a concept he says is fitting for the department.

"When [*Talking With*] was first produced in New York in the 1980's, it was sort of looked at as being a revolution in monologues, what [Martin] was doing," said Gillespie. "The play was chosen to benefit the females in the theatre department when it was realized that there were more women than we would be able to cast in main stage shows."

But just because it is not a main stage production, does not mean it's not worth seeing.

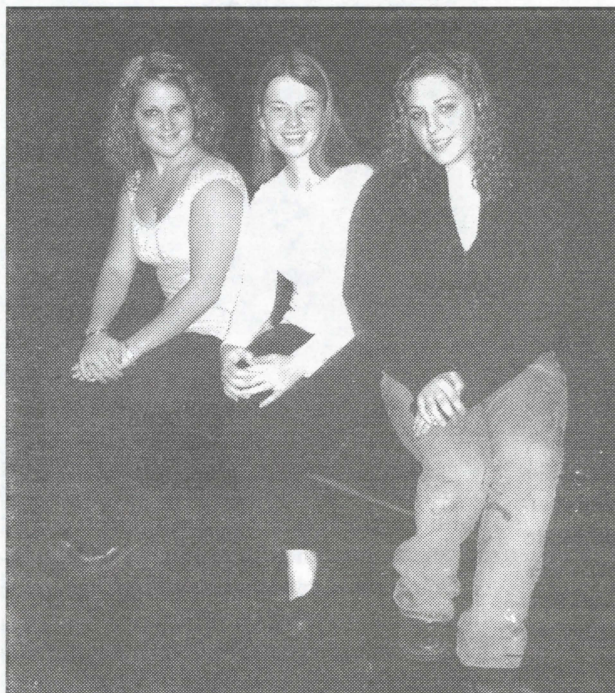
The five-woman cast consists of juniors Samantha Danisevich and Sabrina Krichen, and freshmen Rachel Orehotsky, Kristen Potsko, and Jennifer Smeraldo, a group Gillespie describes as "dolls."

"Each cast member has two monologues of contrasting demand so that there is a change of rhythm and character," Gillespie said.

The characters portrayed are anything but boring, and are designed to amuse, move and frighten. The character list includes a snake handler, a woman whose mother is dying, a baton twirler, an old woman who aspires to live in McDonald's one day, and a woman giving birth to a dragon, to name a few.

Krichen said the best part of being in this cast was working with the director.

"I've never worked with Dick Gillespie before and he's actually a very talented guy. It was a great experience. He's taught me something no one else has ever taught me before. And I love the cast. We're having a lot of fun," she said.



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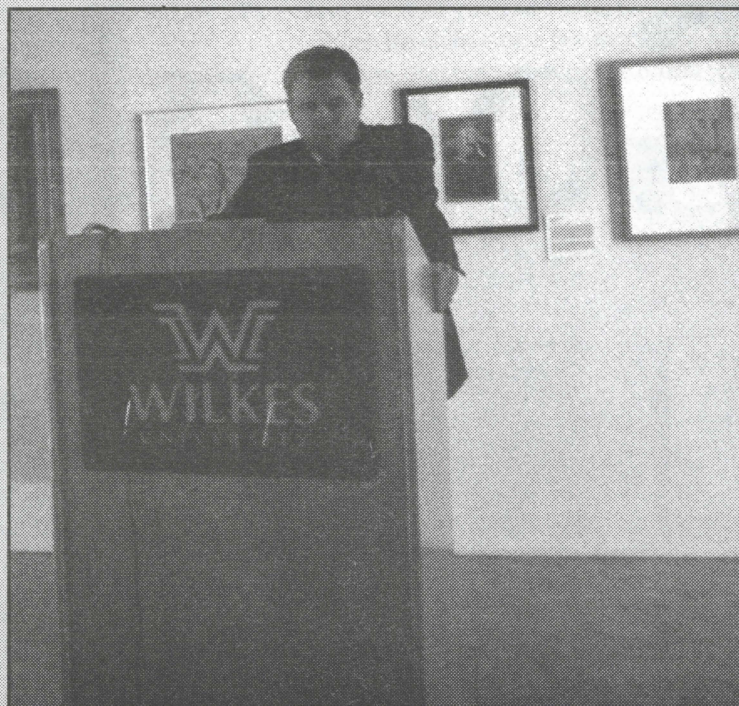
When: Thursday-Sunday, 8:00

Where: Blackbox Theatre, in the basement of the Darte Center

Cost: Admission is free

Talking With cast members Sabrina Krichen, Jennifer Smeraldo and Rachel Orehotsky take a break from rehearsal in the Blackbox Theater.

American Art/American Identity 1900-1940



The Beacon/Nick Zmjewski

Dr. Ronald Bernier, director of the Sordani Art Gallery, continued the link of art and sciences, a theme enveloped this year by the interdisciplinary task force, with a lecture linking the 'Hideous Beauty' exhibit and American history last Friday afternoon. A wine and cheese reception followed.

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Weird PA uncovers state's oddities

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

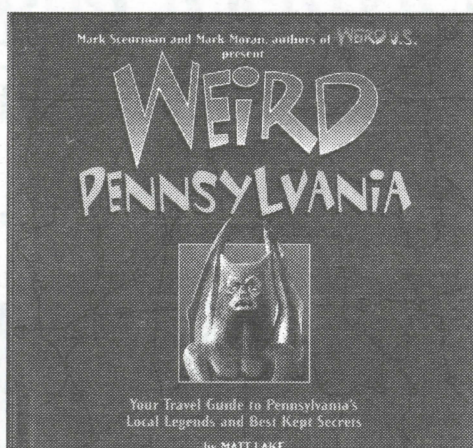
PA- the postal abbreviation could mean other things, and still be fitting, for instance- 'Paranormal activity,' 'Physics absent' and 'People abnormal.'

Being a life-long resident of Pennsylvania, things like a ghostly handprint on the cell wall of an abandoned county jail, a hill that defies the laws of gravity and piles of rocks that have withstood thousands of years of winter winds seem pretty normal to me. But they are some of the oddities that are nestled between the covers of *Weird PA*, a new release from Sterling Publishing Company who also brought us *Weird US*.

This book comes to the delight of the daughter of former traveling show-biz duo. During weekend trips to gigs across the state, we'd always sightsee the roadside attractions and museums. This book brought back fond memories of a childhood full of exploring the Keystone State but still, I learned a lot from this bright and fun title.

The book itself is beautiful-- certainly coffee table caliber. The 263 colorful pages are divided into 11 sections: Local Legends and Lore, Ancient Mysteries, Fabled People and Places, Unexplained Phenomena, Local Heroes and Villains, Personalized Properties, Roadside Oddities, Roads Less Traveled, Quaker State Ghosts, Cemetery Safari and Abandon Places. Each of the sections reveals the oddities, tall tales and myths of Pennsylvania through colorful pictures and testimonies from actual eyewitnesses and personal accounts from the editors who visited most of the included sites. Most of the entries are short snippets, making this a good breeze-through book for those not interested in heavy reading.

If this book does not urge people to gas up their wagons and plot out a Weird PA tour, I don't know what will. Some great sites worth visiting (or steering clear of; take your pick) are Gravity Hill in Bedford County,



where if a car is put in neutral it will roll up hill instead of the obvious; New Hope and historic Philadelphia which are filled with ghost stories of famed Pennsylvanians; Pennhurst, an abandoned mental asylum in Philly and yes, there is even an empty morgue (or is it?); a backyard zoo in Fayette county filled with larger-than-life animal sculptures and in York County, there *really* is an old woman who lives in a shoe(-shaped house). Okay, former shoe salesman. I was way too tempted to use the nursery rhyme. Two included places happen to be personal favorites: the burning-for-thirty years Columbia county ghost town, Centralia and Shartlesville's Roadside America. The latter impressed the authors so much they called it, "The most pleasant surprise we found." This massive model train set spans a huge hangar and represents much of America through miniscule interpretations. A must see!

One gripe. Nothing from my county of residence for the last decade, Luzerne, and not enough Northeast PA. Is it that weird, that even authors of a book recording the strange will not enter? I would have loved to have seen Boulder Field, the Archbald Pothole and the old city underneath Lake Wallenpaupak that draws hundreds of scuba divers- you can see the church steeple from land on a clear day.

I'm all for a sequel- Weirder PA.

Book Review

A&E Profile

Dr. Agnes Cardoni

Highlighting contributors to campus and community culture

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

Shel Silverstein. Judy Blume. Mark Twain. Stephen King. S. E. Hinton J.D. Salinger.

These are the names that graced the covers of childhood favorites or literary classics enjoyed generation after generation. But, if they are also the authors of some of the most frequently challenged books.

As part of National Banned Book Week, a celebration of the freedom of expression and the freedom to read, last week Sigma Tau Delta, the English undergraduate honor society, sponsored a banned book reading. Dr. Agnes Cardoni, assistant professor of English and faculty advisor, helped coordinate the three-day event where students, staff and faculty were able to read excerpts from titles that have made the banned book list.

The Beacon: What was the importance of hosting a banned books reading on campus?

Cardoni: To raise awareness in the university that the struggle to write and read what one wants to is still going on. Students are astounded when I pass around the American Library Association's information on recently banned books. Things they loved as children, like *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, are on that list.

The Beacon: What is your personal favorite banned book and why?

Cardoni: *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. I love it because it is one of the few great books with a strong young woman as the protagonist. I also love the writing, the setting, and the ethical dilemmas Lee gives us. Finally, I love it because my students love it.

The Beacon: Do you feel there are any books that are rightfully banned? Why?

Cardoni: I think some books should not be presented to young children. For example, I wouldn't recommend Nabokov's *Lolita* to immature readers. I think book banning can lead to all manner of other constraints. We see this with the Patriot Act and the initiative therein to allow the government to have access to one's library borrowing record or bookstore buying record.

The Beacon: Why would you suggest that someone read a banned book? And, what can we, as either students of literature or just students of life, learn?

Cardoni: If fanatics of any stripe think an idea is so powerful that they want to keep you from it, you'd better encounter that idea and figure out how to respond to that encroachment on your freedom and that insult to your intelligence.

The Beacon: Now on to some 'acceptable'



The Beacon/Nick Zmjewski

Dr. Agnes Cardoni engages in conversation with her students during one of her English classes.

books. You're an author, too....?

Cardoni: ... My dissertation on the American writer Tillie Olsen... was published in the late 90s by University Press of America.... It's mostly about how Olsen's adolescent female characters solve moral and relational dilemmas. My other book is the history of College Misericordia, which I co-authored with my great teacher and mentor, Sister Regina Kelly.

The Beacon: What was the last book you read?

Cardoni: Oh! I have several going at once, so when I finish one, I'm still in the middle of another. I am steadily reading *The Courage to Teach* by Parker J Palmer. He has some wonderful ideas about maintaining authenticity and integrity and enthusiasm while involved in teaching. I admire his work very much.

The Beacon: Tell us a little more about Sigma Tau Delta.

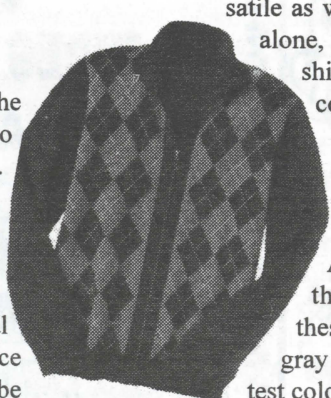
Cardoni: We are a small chapter that I sort of resurrected in 2003, but I hope it will grow. We are particularly interested in helping the McGlynn Learning Center at Boulevard Townhomes, right up the hill from campus. It is a center for children from low-income housing, run by Sister Miriam Francis Stadulis, a Sister of Mercy from the Dallas Regional Community. The center is in dire financial straits right now. We have so much here on campus. We can't let this effort falter; we can't look the other way while children need help with literacy and learning, with just a place to do homework.

Trendspotter: Argyle Sweaters

BY MEGAN MANCE
Beacon Staff Writer

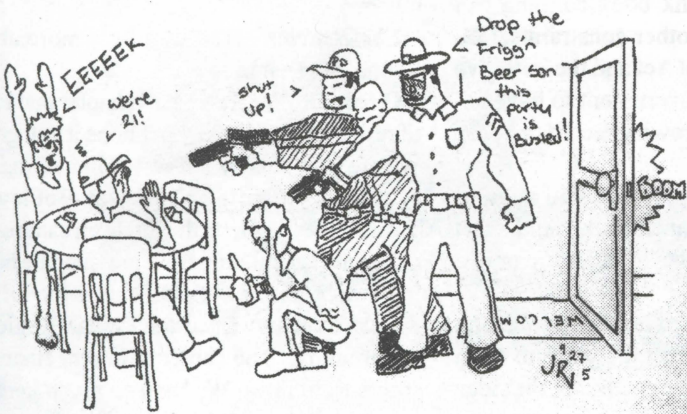
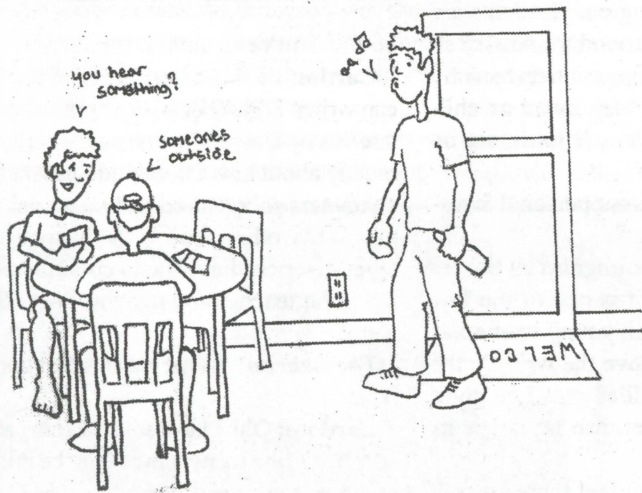
Every fall it seems that the argyle print comes back into style, especially in sweaters!

There's just something about the look that makes it preppy, sophisticated, and classy all at the same time. Argyle sweaters are casual enough to be worn with a nice pair of jeans, but can also be dressed up with khakis or dress pants. Not only are these sweaters fashionable but ver-



satile as well. They look stylish worn alone, or paired up with a collared shirt, sports jacket, or even a pea coat.

Argyle sweaters, like the one pictured, can be found in stores like The Gap, American Eagle, and Abercrombie and Fitch. Anything goes for the colors of these sweaters this fall, although gray is one of this season's hottest colors. Whether you prefer crew neck, V-neck, or sweater vests, there is a style out there for everyone.



New Artist Alert...

Country newbie Keith Anderson heats up airwave, hearts

BY SARAH MOSKALUK & JILLIAN WYDRA
Beacon Correspondents

Keith Anderson is the hottest thing out of Miami-Oklahoma, that is.

Before joining Arista Nashville's roster a few years ago, he was performing to sold out festival crowds and penning hits for artists like Garth Brooks ("B-Double E Double Are You In," a duet with George Jones. Read: *Beer Run*).

Lately, though, he has stormed the country music charts with his provocative hit "Pickin' Wildflowers," which also has a steamy video that capitalizes on Anderson's rugged country good looks. The song's new country edge, which was co-written by John Rich of Big & Rich fame ("Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy"), has helped it climb the charts to #8 in a matter of weeks.

His debut album, *Three Chord Country and American Rock & Roll* hit stores in early May. We first heard of Anderson at one of local country station Froggy 101's Up Close and Personal concerts. The station sponsored a local free show where Anderson performed some of his own work along with covers of other bands.

We had low expectations, but as the night evolved his amazing vocal talent and great stage presence blew us away. Anderson was personal with the crowd

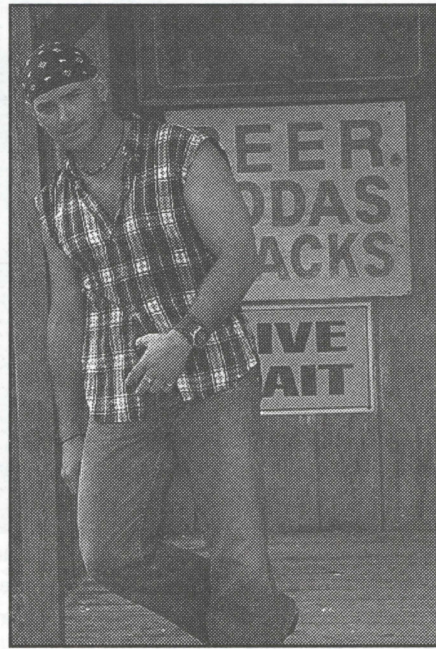
and demonstrated his true country roots. His upbeat songs reflect both everyday life and his steadfast attitude. One of the songs college students can most

relate to is "Podunk." The lyrics highlight what it is like to leave a small hometown where everybody knows your name, and move to the big city. However, as the song points out, a part of you always longs to go back (after all, you can take the girl out of the honky tonk, but you can't take the honky tonk out of the girl).

His latest single, the lively "XXL" is chock full of innuendos and puts a comedic twist on women wanting "real man with meat on his bones" as well as some interesting sound effects. Anderson's vocal skills go way beyond straight singing in this piece, and his vocals defy description with the printed word.

Listeners simply have to hear it.

Anderson displays true country talent and his album is well worth the money, as is any live concert he might be part of. Anderson may be relatively new to the scene, but we predict he is going to have some longevity. His songs are full of humor and honesty, and yes--the most important quality for most country songs--a playful sexiness.



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Dinner and a Movie

See: *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*

BY JONATHAN MILES

Beacon Correspondent

Consider the following: the alleged true story of the demonic possession of a college girl, a *Law and Order* episode and discussion/debate about faith and religious beliefs. Now imagine that they were all blended and mixed with decent acting. That's what you get with *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*.

The movie previews give the impression this is a horror flick. But horror is exactly what the movie lacks. Instead, it is filled with law drama and religious concepts. I am not saying there aren't moments that will have you jumping out of your seat, but I wish there would have been more.

I'll admit I was scared a few times during the movie, and I am not easily frightened. A handful of screams that echoed in the theater gave me the sign that many others viewers were also terrified at some of the so-called "intense/frightening sequences and disturbing images" that gave the movie its PG-13 rating.

But overall, this shouldn't be a movie that keeps you up at night, though the movie's events may make some very afraid to be up at 3:00 a.m., the hour of the demons.

The movie gets its scary scenes from flashbacks about Emily Rose's possession and actual exorcism. But the flashbacks are a sidebar to the central theme of the movie, which is a manslaughter trial involving the priest who carried out the exorcism.

I enjoyed the courtroom drama, which kept the movie's pace up and drew in the entire audience. The religious parts of the movie

may affect many people in different ways, but they are pretty powerful concepts that you have to see to understand.

Unfortunately for those out there who have seen the classic and scary-as-hell movie *The Exorcist* and are hoping to see this movie to compare - don't even try. This movie has its scary moments, but it falls way short of the "original" and is not intended to be as scary. Overall though, this is a film that is much better than other exorcism rip-offs.

Directed by Scott Derrickson, the film highlights little-known actors in key roles. The agnostic lawyer Erin Bruner is played by Laura Linney (best known for supporting roles in *Love Actually* and *Mystic River*). The accused, Father Moore is played convincingly by Tom Wilkinson (character actor best known for his role as Dr. Howard Mierzwiak in the 2004 hit *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*).

It's not just a horror film. It has more than just eerie music and frightening scenes and that's what makes it worth a viewing.

Grade: C+



Courtesy Yahoo! Movies

Food: Ollie's--An American Restaurant

BY MYLES RUMBEL

Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

One word - *atmosphere*.

No, not the air we breathe...the atmosphere in the places we are. As far as I'm concerned, atmosphere is the most important aspect of a restaurant. Yes, I am a child of Applebee's, Olive Garden and Outback.

So that's why when I entered Ollie's I was immediately leery. It felt like a lower scale Perkins or an upscale diner, take your pick.

But there were two benefits to Ollie's right off. First, it was cheap. The restaurant offers an all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar for only \$5.99 and other food was equally as affordable. The second plus is that it's a 24-hour establishment - an important option for the night owls on campus.

Now, provided diners can get past the lack of ambience, the food is decent. Not good, just decent. The soup on the soup and salad bar was O.K. The chicken noodle soup was lacking chicken, a much-needed ingredient to live up to its name. The "Duchess Cheese," one of their specialties, was pretty good for a soup that consists of just cheese, carrots and celery.

My entire view of the restaurant can be summed up by the utensils on the salad bar - "greasy spoons." While Ollie's was tolerable, it was simply dirtier than where I generally like to eat.

A discount chain of the same name has the slogan, "Good stuff- cheap." The same could be said for the restaurant. I'd go there again, but not if there's a Denny's nearby.

Grade: C

Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Correspondent

Illegal downloading of MP3 files has taken its toll on the music industry.

Via peer-to-peer (P2P) downloading programs (i.e. WinMX, Kazaa, and LimeWire) users can download music, pictures, and various types of video from the internet. Because the files are shared by other users who do not own the rights to them, the downloading is illegal and punishable by law.

Apple Computers has come up with a way to not only organize music, but also to ensure that the music industry does not collapse due to illegal downloading associated with P2P networks. Its solution is iTunes, Apple's online music store which can be downloaded free of charge at www.iTunes.com.

iTunes is not only a program that plays MP3s, organizes them, burns CDs, and uploads music to iPods (mass storage devices for MP3s), but it also connects directly to the internet, providing the user with an online music store.

A lot of illegal downloading of music is a result of consumers not wanting to purchase music albums. Their excuses generally run along the lines of "I only like one song." Why buy a \$15 album for one song?

iTunes distributes music perfectly legally via its music store costing only \$.99 cents per song. The creators have come up with an idea that does not require consumers to pay a monthly fee for using the service. It can be used as frequently or sparingly as the user desires without any additional charges.

iTunes is not a website, but major part of it is web related. All transactions are completed within the program, and the accessible music store is completely online.

Although iTunes is a great program to have, networked computers can share music with each other. The way it operates is that a user can "share" their music, and others can listen to it. Although it doesn't involve downloading, it walks a very thin line when dealing with the "no file sharing" laws. Apple may need to re-evaluate the program in the future.

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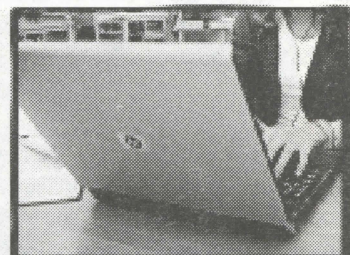
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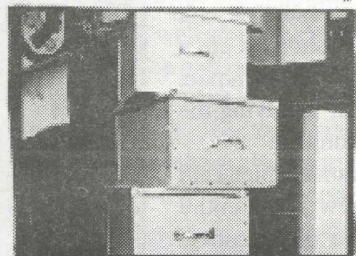
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Men's Soccer Checks In

BY JONATHAN MILES
Beacon Correspondent

At 7-3, Wilkes men's soccer team is feeling optimistic right now despite some injuries and a tough schedule coming up.

Beacon correspondent Jonathan Miles spoke with team captain Steve Uhas, the junior leading the Colonels in both individual goals scored and total points, about where the team is headed and how the team feels about where they are at this point in the season.

The Beacon: How do you feel the team is doing right now?

Steve Uhas: We're playing really good and I think we've had a real good year so far. I know that we've lost one of our captains in Mike Bridy [due to knee injury], which is a big loss, but I can see many of the other players stepping up to help the team succeed.

The Beacon: What kind of improvements have you seen occur, from the beginning of the season to now, by both your teammates and even yourself?

Uhas: Well, we're getting to know each other better, getting to how we each play dif-

ferently, so we're passing better. The freshmen are getting the hang of college soccer, which is a big transition from what they experienced in high school. We're starting to play well as a team.

The Beacon: How do you feel about your upcoming opponents and a chance for playoffs?

Uhas: A lot of our tough league games are coming up soon. The teams we play will be pretty good, including DeSales,* who is looking real good, and Drew, who usually plays well into playoffs, but this year DeSales has beaten Drew already so our games may be very challenging. But I like our chances. It's hard to make playoffs because we're in a tough conference and in order to get into playoffs we have to finish in the top four, but we just have to keep working hard as a team in order to get to that point.

The Colonels are 7-3-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the conference.

**This interview was conducted before the DeSales victory over Wilkes Saturday afternoon. The Bulldogs scored three goals in the second half to come from behind and beat Wilkes 3-1.*



Defender Kyle Dukman clashes with a DeSales player while going for the ball Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field

The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Faculty Athlete: Al Zellner

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Beacon has compiled a list of faculty who were actively involved in collegiate sports during their years at Wilkes. This week, Beacon Asst. Sports Editor Nick Podolak sat down with Director of Diversity Al Zellner, a two-time MAC Wrestler of the Year.

Growing up in South Jersey, Alan Zellner admits he didn't have much of a talent for wrestling.

"I was pinned the first five times I wrestled and was very inclined to give it up," Zellner said. "But my older brothers would beat the hell out of me if I quit, so I stayed with it."

Consequently, Zellner hit the books in the library, gained some weight and grew a couple of inches. By his junior year of high school, he was second in the district with a record of 13-2, losing to the regional champion. Still, something was missing.

"I was always pretty good, having read the books and being a perfectionist," said Zellner. "But my senior year I got a new coach, and he taught me how to be mean. That proved to be the clincher."

Zellner pinned all of his opponents that year, but lost in the New Jersey state finals, finishing the season with an overall record of 20-1. A three-sport athlete in high school, Zellner was an honorable mention all-state football player behind Franco Harris and Lydell Mitchell, and was an All-State baseball player in center field.

"Baseball was my best sport," Zellner recalled.

After high school, Zellner was interested in Wilkes, but had already received offers from Syracuse University, the Naval Academy and Miami of Ohio. Not hearing from Wilkes, he committed to Syracuse. Then he got the call.

"August 26, I got a call from John Reese who was the head wrestling coach at Wilkes. While all the other schools told me what I could do for their programs, he told me what Wilkes could do for me." Zellner said that sold him.

Zellner remembers his freshmen orientation, riding across the Butler Street Bridge and seeing Public Square for the first time.

"I loved it. It was just beautiful. The sidewalks sparkled as if there was glitter in them. Wilkes seemed like we were in a nice neighborhood, not a college campus."

So Zellner, officially a Colonel, went out for the football team, but wrestling coach John Reese would have none of that.

"Coach Reese came to my dormitory and took the playbook away and said, 'You're a wrestler now,' and I said O.K."

At Wilkes, Zellner was very exciting to



Outstanding Wrestler
KING-PIN AL 'SNAKE' ZELLNER

Courtesy 1971 Amnicola

Al Zellner was voted MAC Wrestler of the Year twice during his career at Wilkes.

watch, and quickly became known as "The Snake," pinning opponents within seconds. "People used to come just to watch me pin people."

"The Snake," an All-American, has become one of the greatest athletes to ever come out of Wilkes, helping the Colonels win three MAC Championships and winning the MAC Outstanding Wrestler award twice.

After his collegiate wrestling career, Zellner coached at Williamsport High School and Kutztown University before taking over the reigns at Wilkes, where he helped the team restore its competitiveness at the Division III level.

"The Snake" is currently the Director of Diversity at Wilkes and plans to go west to work on an Indian reservation after he retires. "I want to try to provide opportunities through education for the indigenous people to become successful."

Zellner currently lives in Wilkes-Barre and is happily married with three children, Jeff, Leore, and Kerry.

Did you know?

Before Wilkes became a Division III school, Wilkes wrestled Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arizona, and Navy, just to name a few.

In the mid-sixties, Wilkes had the longest winning streak of any college football team in the country and won the Lambert Bowl trophy in 1966.

In high school, Zellner played in the same conference as Franco Harris (Pittsburgh Steelers) and Lydell Mitchell (Penn State, Baltimore Colts).

COMMENTARY

GAME OF THE WEEK

National Football League: Cincinnati Bengals vs. Jacksonville Jaguars

The battle of the underdogs

BY KEVIN REED

Beacon Correspondent

Two teams that have made surprising starts this year, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Jacksonville Jaguars, will face off this Sunday.

The Bengals have endured about a decade of poor performance on the field and poor management by their front office. This year, however, they are beginning to rise up out of the basement of the NFL and possibly make a run at the playoffs.

The Jaguars, who have been a consistently average team for years, are also off to a hot start this season. Both teams are at the top of their respective divisions, a feat that very few expert analysts thought would happen. Although it is still fairly early in the NFL season, the Bengals and Jaguars are ready to show their true metal as potential AFC powerhouses.

There are a lot of unheralded and underrated players on both squads, but despite a lack of household names, both clubs have perennial playmakers at many of the skilled positions. Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer, the first overall draft choice by the Bengals in 2003, is finally showing the NFL this year that he was worth a number one pick. In his first full year as a starter, he is averaging almost three touchdowns (TD) per game and completing over 70% of his passing attempts. It will be interesting to see how Palmer fares against a battered Jaguars secondary, which is missing an injured pro-bowl caliber safety in Donovan Darius.

Palmer will be joined by some other young guns such as solid runner Rudi Johnson in the backfield and playmaker Chad Johnson at wide receiver. The Jaguars feature their own stars on the

offensive side of the ball, but do so with a little more experience. Veteran wide receiver Jimmy Smith and runningback Fred Taylor are led by quarterback Byron Leftwich, who interestingly enough was drafted in 2003 as well. Leftwich is averaging only one TD per game and completing close to 60% of his passes.

Defensively, the Jaguars have an edge. They are ranked near the top of the league in defense, whereas the Bengals are right around the middle. Special teams are even as neither team has much of an advantage.

Even though both Cincinnati and Jacksonville have gotten off to fast starts, getting as many wins as possible early in the year is critical. This game will tell a lot about who is a contender and who is a pretender in the AFC playoff race. I think Palmer will have a big day throwing the ball, and even though it might start out as a close game, the Bengals' depth will prove too much for the Jaguars.

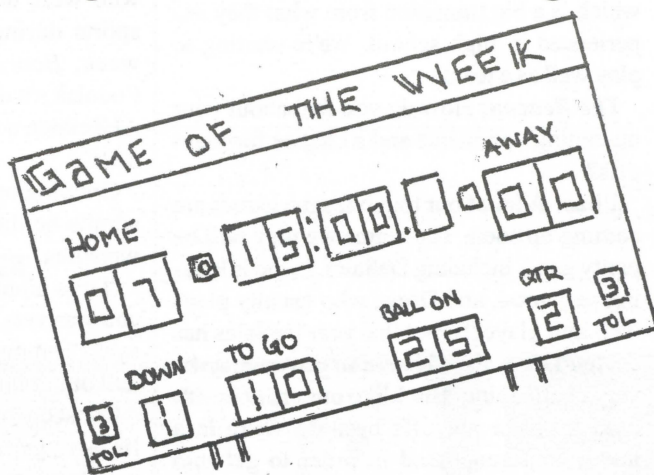
The Pick: Cincinnati 27, Jacksonville 17

Quick Info: Kickoff - 8:30

Jacksonville 2-1*

Cincinnati 3-0*

*Through Week 3



Double Take

Sarah Herbert examines the stats that truly matter

BY SARAH HERBERT

Beacon Features Editor

When it comes to football I'm clueless; all I am sure of is that I don't like the Eagles and I don't like the Cowboys. So it looks like I'm going to predict this week's game between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Jacksonville Jaguars the old fashioned way...let's look at team location, team colors, and most importantly the players.

Let's start with Jacksonville. They hail from the good old state of Florida. I like Florida, chalk one up for the Jaguars. Their colors are green and gold, yuck. I guess I'm just not fond of the color green, no color points for Jacksonville. I don't

really know any of the players for Jacksonville, but I really like Todd Yoder's name; he is number 83.

Now let's move on to Cincinnati. Ohio...a pretty dull state in my opinion. Moving on to colors, black and orange. This could work, especially since they have those cute tiger-like stripes on their helmets. Again, I'm not familiar with any of the players, but they all look so cute with those stripes on their heads.

When all else fails, go with what looks good. Green doesn't strike my fancy, but orange is a bright, happy color. Since it's October, orange and black seems more appropriate anyway. Taking all of these factors into consideration, things are looking pretty good for Cincinnati. Go Bengals!



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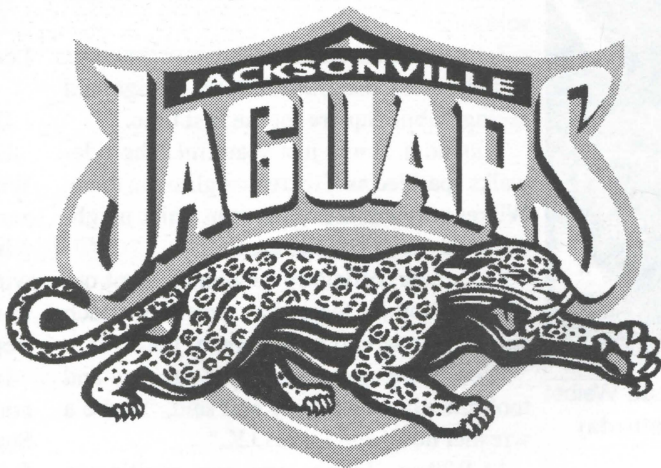
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Leicht acknowledged how young his team is; "Out of my six varsity starters, four are freshmen." The two players that are not freshmen are Ryder and Malone. He praised Ryder for her consistency, work ethic, and leadership. Leicht regarded Malone as very athletic, intelligent on the court, and a strong player.

Malone thinks the freshmen players are amazing saying, "Coach could not have found a better freshmen class." She loves how they are motivated and excited to be on the court. The freshmen Wilkes women include: Kristin Wilt, Darci Spohn, Jotanna O'Connell, Katelyn Mullen, Jennifer McMicken, Alison McDonald, Meagan Bucher, and Erin Brown.

Leicht feels the freshmen have stepped right in and have done their part in helping the Lady Colonels have a successful season. "It is hard for freshmen to come right into college tennis and start and do so well like they've done," said Leicht.

The freshmen, though they are young, are helping the Lady Colonels reach their dream of the playoffs. Leicht said, "All of the freshmen come from good programs...they performed well in preseason, and stepped into some of the varsity spots." Ryder said, "We have a freshmen at one and two, then four, and then six." She feels they have been "really strong." She feels they have benefited the Lady Colonels because they each bring something different to the table.



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Athletes of the Week

The women's soccer team

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

During a preseason speech to his team, fourth-year head coach John Sumoski gave his players his vision of the season to come. "On August 22, there will be no more questions, no more 'what ifs,' no more looking back. You will be surrounded by answers and fruition which came from habits, which came from talk, which came from vision, which came from a dream."

The Lady Colonels dreamed big, and have since become not only a powerhouse team in the Freedom Conference, but an example of how team unity can rocket an already-talented team to astounding successes.

Wilkes has rolled through the first ten games of the seventeen-game season undefeated, capped by a 5-0 rout of cross-town rival King's College. The team is currently ranked fifth in the region, and continues to march toward the team goal of being nationally ranked. Although both the 10-0 start and the regional ranking are firsts for Wilkes, the team has even more impressive stats.

Of the twenty girls on the Lady Colonels' roster, fifteen have played in eight or more games so far this year. In fact, every player has seen some action so far this season. Offensively, five different players have scored three or more goals, and nine players are credited with at least one assist. Wilkes has proven so far this season that it can rotate support personnel in from the sidelines and not miss a beat; it has

also proven that it can score from virtually any position on the field.

The frequent use of support players during games has been a boost to team unity and morale. "Everybody's on the same wavelength," said senior captain Tara Friedman.

Friedman believes that the 2005 edition of the Lady Colonels has great "team chemistry," because "everyone is a part of the process."

Fellow senior captain Jen Compton agrees. "You're only as good as your weakest player, so we work together and try to help each other out."

Compton credits Sumoski with creating a team-oriented atmosphere; "He was all-business during camp, but now he's the best motivator we have."

The coach has helped the team keep its focus so that no one is caught up in the hype of this extraordinary season. "We're taking it day-by-day," said Sumoski. "We're trying to refocus on the process rather than the product. The process is what will make us a better team."

It may be commonplace to hear teamwork preached on sports teams, but it is a rarity to see it flourish as strongly as it has with the Lady Colonels. On both the stats page and the sidelines, Wilkes has become a "team" in every sense of the word, with all of the players focused on the same thing: winning the game. If the team can continue to work together and stay focused on "the process," their already-improbable season will become all the more astounding.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

The women's soccer team, seen here moving the ball downfield against Lebanon Valley, are currently 10-0 overall, and 3-0 in the Freedom Conference.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Women's Volleyball

Jillian Focht had 23 kills and 26 digs as the volleyball team swept a tri-match against Suny Old Westbury (30-26, 30-28, 30-22) and Centenary College (30-26, 30-24.)

Women's Soccer

Jennifer Compton struck Tara Friedman's pass just beyond the reach of Del Val goalkeeper Emily Joyce to give Wilkes the 1-0 overtime victory Saturday at Delaware Valley. The regionally ranked Colonels improve to 10-0 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Field Hockey

Lauren Russer scored the lone goal as Wilkes snapped a four-game losing streak with a 1-0 victory over William Paterson on Saturday afternoon at Artillery Park.

Women's Tennis

The Lady Colonels clinched a playoff spot as they put a whuppin' on FDU-Florham, winning 9-0 on Saturday. The Lady Colonels improved to 8-3 overall and 4-2 in the Freedom Conference. They head into the October 12 playoffs seeded third.

Men's Soccer

Nationally ranked DeSales proved to be too much for the Colonels as they scored three second half goals in the 3-1 conference victory Saturday afternoon at Ralston. Kyle Dukmen scored the lone goal for the Colonels.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

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Shutouts by field hockey goalkeeper Hilary Weber so far this season.

23

Kills by Senior Jillian Focht on Saturday's volleyball tri-match against Centenary and SUNY Old Westbrook.

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Shutout wins from Liz Pauly so far this season in women's soccer.

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Wins by the women's tennis team this weekend to guarantee a playoff spot.

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Goals allowed by the Lady Colonel defense through the first 10 games of the women's soccer season.

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Game Preview: Women's Tennis vs. Lebanon Valley on 10/5

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Staff Writer

The Lady Colonels will take a 90-mile journey down interstate 81 to meet MAC rival Lebanon Valley this Wednesday. The women's tennis team will go there seeking to continue their winning ways.

After beating FDU-Florham 9-0 Saturday, the Lady Colonels secured a spot in the Freedom Conference playoffs. The win improved the team's record to 8-3 overall and 4-2 in the conference. Wilkes will be the number-three seed when the playoffs begin on October 12.

The goal for the Lebanon Valley match this week is to keep the blood pumping and the minds focused on winning as they prepare for post season play.

Chris Leicht, head women's and men's tennis coach, feels the women's schedule is to their advantage because they have had matches consistently up to the point of the Lebanon Valley match. Mixed in with a few days of practice this week, the Lady Colonels

will have their skills put to the test.

Cassie Malone, a senior environmental science major, feels the week leading up to the game against Lebanon Valley is pretty tough. Malone noted, "We have matches Saturday and Sunday that are really far away." The traveling may get to the tennis team, but Malone hopes they can rise above it and perform.

Usually at practice Leicht pairs players up with a hitting partner and coaches each "team" through matches. Sometimes he feels they need to work on their mechanics, and they will do some drills for practice. "Depending on what might be their strengths and weaknesses is what we will work on," said Leicht. Malone said she likes to work doubles at practice for the most part because it is a big aspect of the game.

Leicht feels the lineup is solid as it is and will not require any tweaking for the Lebanon Valley match.

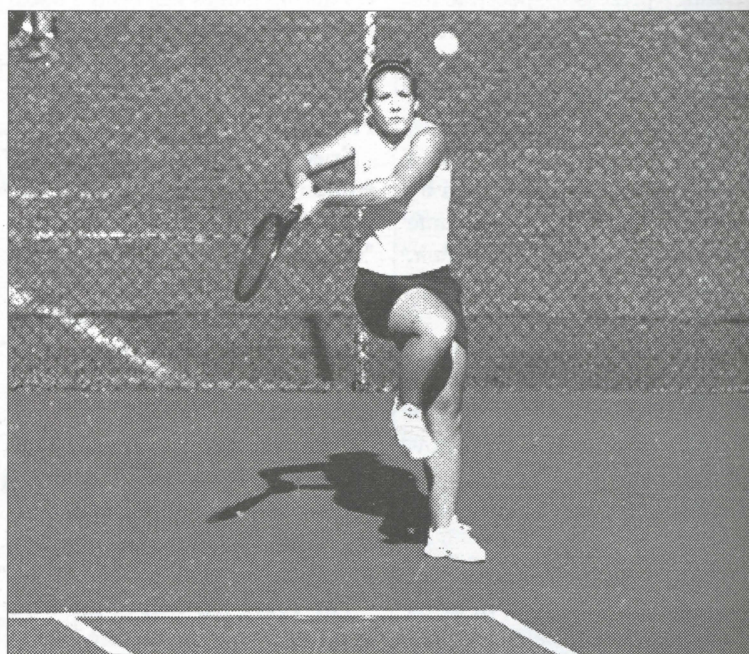
However, one aspect of the Lady Colonels' game that Leicht thinks needs to be improved are the doubles matches. "The last couple

of matches we only won one out of three of the doubles matches," said Leicht. He feels that doubles will be key against Lebanon Valley.

The captains made t-shirts at the beginning of the season to try to unify the team. The team also does a slow count before games to fire themselves up. Sarah Ryder, a junior bio/pre-med major explained that the team's preseason consisted of a lot of bonding activities such as bowling, dinner and a movie night, farmer's market, and a trip to Frances Slocum for the day. During these bonding activities the team got a sense of how to pump themselves up. "I don't have to do a whole lot to get them pumped," Ryder said.

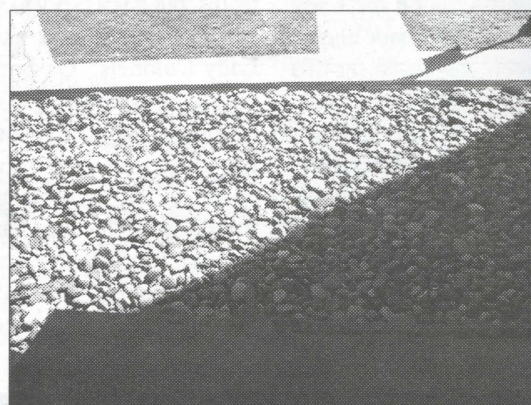
Leicht is not overlooking any team, including Lebanon Valley. "Lebanon Valley has done real well this year. They beat Moravian, who is annually one of the top teams in the MAC," said Leicht.

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Senior Cassie Malone returns a volley against Albright. The Lady Colonels secured a playoff berth after defeating FDU 9-0 on Saturday.

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All Week

*Hideous Beauty, Sordoni Art Gallery

MONDAY (10/3)

*JV football v. King's--4p.m.

TUESDAY (10/4)

*Women's tennis vs. Keystone - 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (10/5)

*Women's tennis @ Lebanon Valley -- 3:30 p.m.
*Field hockey vs. King's -- 4 p.m.
*Women's volleyball vs. Delaware Valley -- 7 p.m.
*Crossroads Coffee House, First

United Methodist Church -- 7 to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY (10/6)

*Women's soccer vs. Baptist Bible-- 4 p.m.
*Men's soccer @ Messiah -- 7 p.m.
*Talking With..., DDD -- 8 p.m.

FRIDAY (10/7)

*Target full-time jobs information table, Breiseth 2nd floor -- 11 to 1 p.m.
*Talking With..., DDD -- 8 p.m.

SATURDAY (10/8)

*Mock GRE, GMAT and LSAT testing, Breiseth Hall 2nd floor -- 10

to 12 p.m.

*Men's soccer vs. Delaware Valley -- 12 p.m.

*Volleyball vs. St. Elizabeth/Montclair State -- 12 p.m.

*Field hockey @ FDU-Florham -- 1 p.m.

*Football @ Lycoming -- 1:30 p.m.

*Women's soccer vs. DeSales -- 3 p.m.

*Talking With..., DDD -- 8 p.m.

SUNDAY (10/9)

*Talking With..., DDD -- 8 p.m.

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